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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER AND SYSTEM FOR AND METHOD OF
PERFORMING DIGITAL OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS USING SUCH
SEMICONDUCTOR LASER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Action dated **December 17, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Claims 2-13 are all of the claims currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 14, and 15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2 and 4-11 are independent.

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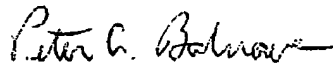
Re: Enclosed After-Final Amendment
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/928,663
Docket No. NEC01P165-TWb

Dear Examiner Leung:

We herewith enclose a copy of the After-Final Amendment filed via facsimile on February 12, 2004.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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